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Pictured (l-r) are Mayor Cardell Cooper, Barbara McConnell, New Jersey Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, First Lady Sandy Cooper and Dr. Kofi N. Awonor, Permanent UN Representative and Ghanaian Ambassador.

East Orange originates Ghana mission

National, state and local officials announce first state trade and investment mission to Ghana

EAST ORANGE—Mayor Cardell Cooper announced the first ever Trade and Investment Mission to the African Republic of Ghana. The ten day mission is scheduled for Friday 17 through September 26, 1993.

"Today represents an important milestone for the State of New Jersey and the City of East Orange," Mayor Cooper said. "This is the first time the State of New Jersey has participated in a trade mission to a country on the African continent."

Over 100 people from throughout the region attended the announcement to find out more about possible trade opportunities with Ghana.

Barbara McConnell, New Jersey Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development, Permanent UN Representative and Ghanaian Ambassador Dr. Kofi Awonor and Yaw Adjei, Deputy Ambassador of Ghana, and other state officials joined the mayor as he made his announcement. The mission is being organized by the City of East Orange with the Department of Commerce and Economic

Development and the Divisions of International Trade and Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business.

Commissioner McConnell brought greetings and best wishes on behalf of Governor Jim Florio.

"There are thousands of Ghanaians that live and work in New Jersey, primarily in East Orange, Newark, Irvington and Hillside," she said, adding that "They (Ghanaians) add to the State's diversity and economic vitality. Together we can ensure that the people and businesses of both Ghana and New Jersey benefit economically and culturally from this exchange."

The initial discussion of a possible trade and cultural exchange between New Jersey and Ghana began in the summer, when Queen Nana Dokua II of the Akuapem State in Ghana visited East Orange. It was then that the Queen Mother indicated an interest in pursuing business opportunities with New Jersey.

According to state and local officials, the purpose of the trade mission is to (continued on page 3)

Minority employees organize, seek Florio help

NEWARK—Spokespersons representing the newly-formed Coalition of Minority Employees' Organization of New Jersey Autonomous Agencies indicate their group's primary purpose is "to collectively focus on our woefully similar common problems."

According to Jerry J. Jackson, representatives of his organization, Legacy (the minority employees' organization of the New Jersey Highway Authority), and the Meadowlands Minority Workers Association (of the Sports and Exposition Authority) have met several times to discuss an effective means of "making Governor Jim Florio aware of the racial and gender bias with which we are confronted regularly as our respective workplaces."

The new coalition also includes employees of the Turnpike Authority and plans to recruit workers from New Jersey Transit, the Expressway Authority and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Co-sponsor Peter Douglas Tucker of the Meadowlands Minority Workers Association

released a copy of a recent letter from the coalition to Essex County Assemblyman Robert L. Brown, who has expressed his willingness to tell Florio directly of their plight. In the letter, the coalition asks Assemblyman Brown to inform the governor of their situation, while expressing their interest in "bringing this matter to the attention of the opposition (Whitman and Edwards)."

The coalition also expresses its frustration "at the lack of fair and equitable treatment at our places of employment," explains that, though the group has taken its complaints to the Public Advocate and except for Commissioner Robinson, none of their appeals have been addressed by anyone in authority and those of us who have spoken out have become objects of retaliation."

"The New Jersey Sports Authority minority employees have filed discrimination and unfair labor practices against their employer and union. Some unions have not represented their minority and female employees equally or fairly and management has taken advantage of this situation. Management has deliberately kept any person(s) of color out of any position of authority that could fairly represent them in these very sensitive issues of race relations. They have suppressed, ignored and distorted the truth by failing to respond to several certified letters and by not monitoring and the employment process or making available relevant statistical data and information to the public and employees," the letter claims.

The letter says that minority employees are not aware of any manager who has ever been disciplined or held accountable for their discriminatory actions, explaining that their case has been pending for over two years "and the investigator's decision has been in review by her superiors for one long year."

"Management's EEO/AA commitments and efforts are simply ones consisting of long beautiful words but which are short in deeds. While attempting to project a glorious image, management continues denying individuals their employment rights. Much time is spent (continued on page 10)

Noble and Harris speak at 'Unity Jam II'

NEWARK—Gil Noble, the Emmy-winning producer and host of ABC-TV's "Like It Is," and Leslie Harris, the creator of the popular teen movie "Just Another Girl on the R.I.T.," addressed over 350 African-American and Latino young people at the keynote speakers at "Unity Jam II: The Power to Ourselves" youth conference on April 15.

"We have a gap, a deep chasm, between our young people and our adult community. And I'm trying to close that," said Noble. "Because old people are not doing it, young people are not doing it."

Coordinated by the Unity Jam organization, members, who are Newark and African-American and Latino youths between the ages of 15 and 22, this unique conference closely examined problems plaguing inner city youth. At the conference, youths spoke out on urgent problems and recommended solutions. Topics ranging from sexual responsibility and teen parenthood, police and youth and respect between males and females, to racism, sexism and violence in the media, multiculturalism and making and managing money.

The conference was convened by young people for young people. It was also coordinated so that each panel was comprised of both adults and experts, who analyzed the issue, and young people, whose lives were affected by the situation.

He continued, "This is an operation right now. It's an evil coalition of people... on all levels I'm afraid. And I'm not trying to come off as somebody who is an American, I'm just trying to exercise my rights as a citizen, and my obligation to my people and to Malcolm by telling it..."

"Like It Is!" the audience chimed in unison.

Noble went on to tell the audience that had gathered in the Newark Public Library that "your young people are not as hell as us. He explained that he spends a great deal of time speaking with young people and has seen an awful lot of apathy and anger."

"In many respects, we've failed them. We really haven't done enough. We haven't fought for them hard enough," Noble said. "Therefore, our young people are in worse shape today than we were thirty years ago."

"We have to build our community," Noble said

"One problem I think facing us—beside police, drugs, AIDS, pregnancy—is ourselves. Latinos and African-American youth do have a lot about each other, so they come into confrontations," says Edison Legere, a 16-year-old University High Student and Unity Jam founder.

The Unity Jam organization is the product of the Newark Collaboration Group's goal to have a city-wide youth organization which would give area youth a voice in the issues that affect them. Unity Jam members come from a wide variety of backgrounds—public and

private high school students, high school drop outs who are considering reentering, college students, teen parents, and young people who have been involved in crimes. These young adults have one goal—to make a change for the better in their communities.

"Young people can get more involved in their community," stresses Tonya Smith, 18, a Newark Science High student and Unity Jam founding member. "They then can take it upon themselves and create a community organization, in which they take the lead and see what whatever they decide to do gets done."



Gil Noble is surrounded by members of Unity Jam, who hosted a city-wide youth conference.

Telling it 'Like It Is'

Gil Noble speaks at POP meeting

by Nicol Diarra Davis

"I came here because I was ordered to by Larry, and I love and admire what he is about," joked Gil Noble, host of NBC's "Like It Is," as he saluted Lawrence Hamm, president of People's Organization for Progress (POP), for his "never-ending work and commitment to improving the conditions of our people."

Noble was guest speaker during POP's April 29 "Grassroots Mobilization" meeting, the purpose of which was to solicit support for the organization's celebration commemorating Malcolm X, to be held on May 19.

"This meeting is a milestone, not only in our effort to build for this program, but a milestone in our effort to both build an ongoing movement against racism and injustice here in New Jersey, and to become part and parcel of the movement in this country, and throughout the world, to end all forms of oppression, injustice and exploitation," said Hamm.

Noble said that Malcolm would thank the group for remembering him on May 19. "But what about May 20?" he asked. "This was an extraordinary man. He was a highly sophisticated, well developed weapon—one of the best weapons that we've produced. If we are going to continue the struggle, we're going to have to do our homework."

Noble spoke about an incident in 1953 in Los Angeles in which Malcolm went to the aid of a group of black men who had been brutalized—shot in the genitals—by a group of white police officers. He explained that this incident had occurred during a time when the Los Angeles Police Department, the judiciary and the legislature had almost no black members. He then noted that the same conditions and injustices persist today, even though we are supposed to be sophisticated and educated and we have black men and women on the police force, the legislature, judiciary, etc.

"What do we really have to show for ourselves?" Noble asked. "How far have we really come? How much of a difference have we really made? I must say that it is somewhat disturbing."

Noble said that Malcolm began to realize, in the last years of his life, that unless blacks began to build structures that can deal with the "massive organizations" that oppose them, justice will never prevail.

"[They] sit down, organize, meet, calculate, scheme, do whatever is necessary to plot, on a broad number of levels, how to keep us ignorant, keep us at one another's throats, neutralize us in business... lie to us, poison our children's minds, affect media, the whole galaxy of things; plus the extensive surveillance network that undermines and corrupts our people wherever they are around the world," said Noble.

as he went on to relay a story, told to him by a southern, black woman, about a very small, untitled, unpublished organization of which her brother was a member. "Whenever there is an injustice committed by the white police against a brother," the organization holds a meeting. The members draw straws, and he who draws the shortest straw "knows what he has to do." Very shortly after, the officer who committed the injustice "is no longer around."

"Now I'm not advocating anything..." Noble concluded the story.

"It seems to me that we're not going to get anything in this country unless we develop the apparatus to get it ourselves," he said. "[If] you look at other people in other ethnic groups in this country, [you will see people] who are able to acquire justice and respect and get things done. It seems to me that we need to be able to develop the ability to build a regime within

society so that we can apply pressure; testicular pressure—because whenever you apply testicular pressure, you get a response."

Hamm spoke enthusiastically about Noble's speech, as well as his attendance at the meeting.

He said, "I think it was wonderful that Gil Noble came tonight to address us. He's one of the most prominent African-American journalists in the world. His speech was very inspiring. It really energized us to go out and mobilize the grassroots community to attend in maximum numbers our commemoration on May 19."

POP will hold another meeting on Thursday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Newark Public Library. Anyone interested in either finding out more information about POP, or joining the growing number of organizations who have committed to sponsoring the May 19 event, is welcome to attend.

Orange 'Rich for a Day' in comedy drama



Close to a hundred people gathered at Central School in Orange one Saturday afternoon, to witness the comedy-drama "Rich For a Day." The plot centers around a wealthy spinster, Elvira Hunnicutt, who makes her penniless relations rich for a day. What happens makes for an enjoyable afternoon of humor and intrigue. "The three act play featuring local artists captivated the attention of a cross-generation audience," commented Ellsworth Morgan, Coordinator of Orange Cultural Affairs, who sponsored the event. Morgan hopes to expand Orange's cultural scene to include other theatrical offerings for the town. Pictured (l-r) are: Jeffrey Simmons, Doris Davis (seated), Marilyn Ogburn, Jacquelyn Washington, Brian Lowen and Phyllis Byers (seated).

S.O.C.A. hosts African Cultural Festival

SOUTH ORANGE—The South Orange Civic Association (S.O.C.A.) will sponsor its Second Annual African Cultural Festival on Sunday, May 23, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Baird Community Center, 5 Mead Street.

'Oldies but Goodies' fundraiser

PLAINFIELD—The Tau Chi Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority is having another scholarship fund-raising event, an "Oldies but Goodies," dance on Friday, April 30, at the Grant Avenue Community Center, 403 W. 7th Street.

Each year, Chi Eta Phi, a national organization of Registered Nurses, awards nursing scholarships to college students studying for careers to become Professional Registered Nurses. This local chapter has awarded over \$70,000 in scholarships to nursing students since 1972.

The community is invited to participate in this fund-raising event. For ticket information please contact Connie Thompson at 201-672-6406 or Gloria Dawkins at 201-414-8540.

The festival is the association's annual scholarship fund-raiser. Scholarships are presented each year to graduating seniors from Columbia High School.

Activities will include African dancers, drummers, singers, storytellers, photo exhibit, face painting, hair braiding and a fashion show. Other activities include lunch/dinner in the Tropical Dining Room, prizes for the most interesting African attire and vendors.

For ticket information, call 201-763-0547. For vendor or other information, contact Erma Smith at 201-762-2546.

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Coping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Are you emotionally stable?

There are many factors that distinguish the emotionally stable person from the emotionally unstable person. Some of them are indicated below:

1. Perceive themselves as failures and proceed to make these perceptions come true.
 2. Unleash their feelings of inferiority and insecurity through impulsive arguing and abusive criticism of others.
 3. Fail to develop abilities and blame others for their failure.
 4. Constantly worry about what bad things may occur (but seldom do).
 5. Are "inseparable" walking time bombs, "ready to explode emotionally at the slightest provocation" ("Don't mess with me, or I'll hurt you").
 6. Are unable to tolerate even the slightest amount of criticism, even when they criticize others.
 7. Deliberately provide arguments in order to have an opportunity to release their frustrations.
 8. Criticize the very qualities in others they wish they had.
 9. Explain why things cannot work rather than give reasons why they can.
 10. Don't have a plan of action or direction in life.
 11. Have a few friends and those few are much like themselves: lonely, insecure, and argumentative.
 12. Are controlled and obsessed by their failures rather than their successes.
 13. Display anger, intolerance, disrespect for others, as well as a lack of confidence in others and lack of self-control in yourself.
- Emotionally stable (or mature) people:**
1. Have well-prepared plans of action for their lives and supreme confidence in their ability to carry them out.
 2. Show a high degree of respect for others and exemplify this with courteous behavior.
 3. Have stable long-lasting friendships.
 4. Seldom criticize others, but when they do, give logical support for criticism when it is needed.
 5. Display interest in and understanding of other people's strengths and weaknesses.
 6. Search for the correct answer to a problem even when it disagrees with the way you want things to be.
 7. Make people feel comfortable and, thus, have many friends.
 8. Are logical and reasonable.
 9. Are decisive and consistent in their behavior.
 10. Do not feel threatened by others and are comfortable in others company.
 11. Continually search for a way to cope with their personal problems.
 12. Are confident in their ability to make decisions and stick to those decisions until they are presented with a more logical way of doing things.
 13. Have relatively consistent behavior. (You are not happy one day, unpleasant the next, cheerful the day after that, and ugly the following day.)
 14. Do not constantly spread rumors about other people behind their backs.
 15. Are honest.

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

WESTFIELD-Washington Rock Girl Scout Council invites all girls to "Bring Your Daughter to Work" Open House from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Washington Rock Girl Scout Center, 201 Grove Street East. Scouts and Non Scouts are encouraged to come. For information call 908-232-3236.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

PLAINFIELD-Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center schedules Children's Classes, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the South Main 2 conference room. For information call 908-688-2393.

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College will hold a workshop on "Educational Leadership," conducted by Dr. Veronica Brown Washington and Dr. Robinson, will be held at Hapburn Hall Room 112, 209 Kennedy Boulevard. Tuition is \$15. To register call 201-850-3094.

APRIL 30 THRU MAY 15

NEW BRUNSWICK—Crossroads Theatre Company will present Play Readings, Comedy, and Gospel to Highlight GENESIS 1993 Festival. For showtimes and more information call 908-245-5560.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

PLAINFIELD—United Church of Christ Women's Fellowship will hold its Spring Rummage Sale 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The United Church of Christ is located at 220 W. 7th Street.

PLAINFIELD—First United Methodist Church of Plainfield will hold a "Turnover Sale 1993" 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church, 631 East Front Street. For information call 908-756-2884.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

PLAINFIELD—First United Methodist Church of Plainfield will hold a "Turnover Sale 1993" 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fellowship Hall, First United Methodist Church, 631 East Front Street. For information call 908-756-2884.

PLAINFIELD—Plainfield Public Library will feature "Toddler Storytime with Janice People," ages 1 to 3 years at 11:00 a.m. For more information call 908-757-1111.

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National News at a glance

By Robert N. Taylor

■ **Chavis takes NAACP post, seeks to heal rift with Jackson:** After weeks of controversy and the decision by Jesse Jackson to withdraw his name from consideration, the newly selected head of the NAACP last week moved to heal rifts within the civil rights organization and to renew ties with Jackson. The Rev. Benjamin Chavis told a news conference, "Now is the time for healing and unity." He also called upon Jackson to help him make the NAACP stronger, Jackson withdrew his name after indications that Chavis was likely to get the job. Chavis had lobbied hard for the position. The 45-year-old Chavis, who has a long history in the civil rights movement, replaces outgoing executive director Benjamin Hooks. The nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization is looking to Chavis to both increase the organization's membership and fundraising. —ATLANTA, GA

■ **Black congressman acquitted of bank fraud:** Congressman Harold Ford was found innocent of bank fraud charges last week by a jury of 11 whites and one black. Race had played a role in the battle against the U.S. Justice Department. His first trial ended in a mistrial in 1990 with jurors voting along racial lines. Controversy surrounded the just completed trial because the government took extraordinary measures to ensure a predominantly white jury. And Ford had accused the Reagan and Ford-appointed prosecutors of targeting black elected officials. The 47-year-old Ford had been accused of selling political favors to the once-powerful Butcher brothers banking empire in Tennessee. The government alleged that he received bribes disguised as loans. —MEMPHIS, TN

■ **St. Louis's first black mayor takes control:** Calling for "a new direction at city hall," St. Louis's first black mayor began planning to take the reins of political power. Freeman Bosley recently defeated his republican opponent by capturing 66.5% of the vote. Bosley is 38. —ST. LOUIS, MO

■ **Two blacks enjoy \$3.5 million after 17 years in jail:** Denny Powell and Clarence Chance spent 17 years in jail for the 1973 shooting death of a deputy sheriff before it was discovered that they had been framed. The two were released in 1990, but, just recently, the men were awarded \$3.5 million each by the city of Los Angeles. Responding to his new fortune, Powell wondered aloud, "How am I going to get adjusted to all of this?" —LOS ANGELES, CA

■ **Killings spur fear in South Africa:** Last week's assassination of a popular black leader and scores of attacks on whites by blacks have renewed fears of racial civil war in troubled South Africa. The nation, ruled by a white minority under a system known as apartheid, is slowly moving toward black majority rule. But in recent weeks militant blacks have begun randomly attacking and killing white civilians. Ten came last week's killing of Chris Hani. Hani was considered second only to Nelson Mandela in terms of popularity among blacks. Archbishop Desmond Tutu politicalized the deteriorating political situation saying, "I fear for our country." Hani was killed by a white man. —JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

■ **Marian Anderson, a voice of history:** Marian Anderson was the personification of all that is wonderful, simple, pure and majestic in the human spirit. Those were the words used recently by opera superstar Jessye Norman to describe Marian Anderson, the nation's first internationally acclaimed black opera singer. Anderson recently died at the age of 95 in Portland, Oregon. She gained fame in 1939 when she was denied permission to sing at Washington, D.C.'s Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution because she was black. She later became active in the civil rights movement. Conductor Arturo Toscanini described her voice as "one that is heard once in a hundred years." —PORTLAND, OR

White Jesus Vs Black Jesus

by William Reed

The second Sunday in April found over 1.1 billion Christians around the world celebrating the occasion of Easter. As millions of the world's people of color joined the celebrations, many African Americans, associated with the Black Christ-Black Church project, were posing the question, "What actually was Jesus' skin color?" In Washington, D.C.'s Freedom Plaza complex, Archbishop George A. Stallings, founder of the African-American Catholic Congregation, held a rally to bring the point of Jesus' actual skin tone to the forefront for all. In front of a throng of followers, Stallings set off a campaign calling for black churches of every denomination to discard all depictions of Jesus as a white man and replace them with "historically accurate" images of a black Jesus. To prove his point, Stallings flicked a cigarette lighter and set fire to a white image of Jesus. "Burn the lie. Burn the lie," Stallings intoned as the flame consumed the picture of Jesus wearing brown hair and kicked at the glowing eyes.

"We intend to force the world of Christianity to deal with the fact that Jesus was a man of color, an African-American Jew, a black man, Jesus was

not white," said the leader of over 5,000 break-away Catholics and Afrocentric-oriented Christians. Grinning children and elderly women stepped from the crowd to hand Stallings crucifixes, prayer cards and framed pictures of white Jesus to "lay to rest." Stallings told the crowd, "Everyone who wants to rid themselves of this oppressor's image, bring them up here." Drummers beat on African drums as the images of "white Jesus" were laid in a mock coffin and Stallings expressed his condolences to the mock "mourners." The actions were a part of a series of events associated with the Black Christ-Black Church project. Stallings has explained that several groups around the country will purchase grave sites, march the white Jesus images to cemeteries in "funeral like" processions and empty them into the graves.

Stallings is not alone in his position. Many bible scholars are calling for greater recognition of the African presence in ancient texts. "Everyone in the Bible has been depicted as essentially so many Europeans, and we're saying that is profoundly inaccurate," said Cain Hope Felder, a professor at Howard University's Divinity School. "We have extensive documentary evidence that the biblical world was a color-free world," where people of many hues from many

nations mixed freely without "notions of racial superiority or racial inferiority," said Felder, author of the African Heritage Study Bible.

Felder's studies have pointed out that early Christians came from what is today known as Egypt, the Sudan, Israel and Yemen, and the Bible contains more than 100 references to historical Ethiopia, now the Sudan — yet most biblical maps do not include Africa. The Black Christ-Black Church project has held conferences on these subjects on campuses of three universities: Howard, Temple, and Southern, as well as Los Angeles

Southwest Community College.

Many black clergy people think the act could spark a strong debate, and some view it as sacrilegious. Stallings regards his movement as sacrilegious only if people think that "to burn a lie, or to destroy a lie is sacrilegious." Many viewing the debate believe it will be difficult getting black ministers to participate. They say African Americans are resisting Stallings' idea. Most blacks have echoed a traditional response to whether Jesus is black or white, they do not see it as an important issue. Older blacks believe that from a spiritual per-

spective that it makes no difference whether Jesus is black or white. A spokesman for Stallings' movement retorts, "Those African Americans who struggle to survive in America will have a different image of themselves. If they see themselves as Christ-like, they will have a different image of themselves." The mainstream Washington Archdiocese's Office of Black Catholics takes the position that "we have no problem with saying that Jesus is a man of color... that people have to look at Jesus in their image," said spokeswoman Suzanne Shaffer.

Trade Mission to Ghana

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crease trade and investment opportunities between the State of New Jersey and the Republic of Ghana; to allow New Jersey business persons to establish direct and formal contacts with their counterparts in Ghana; to assist small, women and minority businesses to participate in international trade; and to develop stronger cultural bonds through the exchange of artistic and cultural programming between the State and Ghana.

In 1991, New Jersey exported approximately \$2.3 billion in products and services to Ghana. Some of the products include textiles and apparel, chemicals, industrial machinery, transportation equipment, electronics and plastic products.

The Commissioner said recently instituted reform and trade liberalization policies in Ghana have created an extraordinary environment for foreign investment and business. "They've softened trade and investment barriers, and in so doing

have sent a message to the world that Ghana is open and ready to do business," she explained.

The Commissioner and the mayor extended special thanks to people who helped to make the mission a reality.

Mary Cooper said in closing, "I am proud East Orange is taking an active role in the creation of innovative business opportunities. Partnerships such as this Ghana Trade Mission initiative is vital as we move towards a global economy."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

A return to normal life

We applaud the fact that President Clinton acted swiftly to keep the media hounds from using the Waco incident as prey for the hunt. He has saved us countless hours of accusations and counter accusations about who was at fault.

Clearly and undeniably, the fault lay with David Koresh and his destructive course from the beginning. It was senseless. But that's what happens when fanatics become leaders, and other people, for whatever reason choose to follow them blindly.

Never have law enforcement agencies appeared to be as cautious and concerned about their actions as in the Waco fiasco. Black people still remember the swiftness and deadly solutions dealt the MOVE members in Philadelphia.

The President is right to order an investigation, not to prove that the measure taken were correct, but to understand more clearly how to deal with fanaticism in all its facets and manifestations.

We hope that President Clinton can get back to his stated task of attempting to return our communities to economically sound places where the normal everyday activities of law-abiding citizens can flourish and grow.

Let's act as if the Russians were coming...

Dear Editor,

The drug epidemic in America used to be viewed as a communist conspiracy. It appeared to be the fulfillment of the vow "we'll bury you," made by the former Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. Now, communism is dead. Yet, the proliferation of drugs is succeeding to destroy the fabric of the country as no other force ever before has successfully done.

Drugs have infiltrated the highest echelons of academia, business, industry, and government. The nation's greatest minds have fallen to question - is it a sober or drugged mind that is making the crucial decisions?

On another level, drugs have crippled the ability of our fighting force to offer a credible defense/offense against a physical assault, without being casualty of "friendly fire." Much of our service force personnel are doped. Drugs are burying America in a violent war at home. No cannon. No bombs. No troops. It's a war of American vs. American, and the government is the undertaker.

From the top, among the brains and leadership, to the bottom, among the brawn and the brave, America is dying. Drugs have created such a climate in America that an organized overthrow is unnecessary. It's a self-destruct war. We're being beaten, economically - because money denotes more than life, morality or national security. We're being beaten, psychologically - because our ego-centricity tells us we're the greatest, and it's the other guy who is bad and not in the "loop." We're being beaten, actually - because we're too chauvinistic to see from our space ships that the planet glitters like a diamond in the galaxy, developing a flaw at the base of the main vein.

No, it's no longer communism that is burying the United States of America. We are burying ourselves. But, if we just make believe it is communism, our arch enemy, that is making the "fat lady sing," and fight back as if it were true - we'd live!

Folks, the Russians are here...

Julian I. Garfield, CEO
Youth Organizations USA (YOUSA)

Quote of the Week

"In many respects, we've failed [our young people]. We really haven't done enough. We haven't fought for them hard enough. Therefore, our young people are in worse shape today than we were thirty years ago."

Gil Noble
host of NBC's "Like It Is"

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by Connie Woodruff

Since Newark switched from an appointed board of education to an allegedly elected by the people on a non-partisan basis, campaigns for vacant seats have become as intense as campaigns for president, governor and all elected offices in between.

The candidates who have savvy campaign managers, a slew of endorsements and lots of money usually win. And certainly this year's victors, Bessie Walker, Augusto Amador and Dennis LaScala had all those ingredients and more.

One of their chief campaign architects was the veteran political activist Charles Bell, a Newark Board of Education member for some 25 years, a former union representative and a high profile community figure.

Walker, Amador and LaScala were endorsed by high powered political types from Freeholders to Democratic and Republican Party ward chairmen to half dozen or so union leaders. How could they miss?

Among the Newark councilmen who endorsed the winners were the councilmen from the Central, North and East Wards, George Branch, Anthony Carrino and Henry "Hank" Martinez; three board members, Bell Tina Cruz and Evelyn Williams; Freeholders Sara Ross, Joe Parlatovich and Joseph DiVincenzo; and county officials Thomas Giblin, Essex County Surrogate, County Registrar Larrie West Stalks and Sheriff Armando Fontana.

Heavy political guns? You betcha. Other interesting endorsements included the heads of three or four unions that negotiate with the board of education.

Don't get me wrong. It's a good thing for all these people to be concerned about who sits on the board of education but shouldn't they be equally concerned about the failure of the Newark school system to teach children the basic skills they need to pursue higher education or a job?

If children are not the real reason folks become candidates for the board of education, then what is? Could it be the opportunity board members have to travel, attend conferences in exotic resorts, control contracts negotiated between the board and a variety of vendors, by the ground-work for another elected (and more prestigious)



by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

There have been a lot of people held as hostages over the last few weeks: David Koresh and his followers held innocent children as their hostages inside their Branch Davidian compound; inmates at a maximum-security prison in Lucasville, Ohio held prison guards as hostages; and the Senate Republicans held thousands of inner city youth who would benefit the most from the passage of President Clinton's economic stimulus bill in terms of proposed plans to create hundreds of summer jobs for young people as hostages during their marathon filibuster and unfortunate commitment to continue gridlock.

Well, we all know what happened to those innocent children in Waco, Texas, who didn't get to freely make the decision about whether they wanted to live or die. Crazy adults lead them to their untimely deaths in Koresh's "Ranch Apocalypse."

One prison guard and seven inmates were murdered, and several were injured, in what appears, as of the writing of this article, to be the end of the hostage crisis in Ohio.

The toll on those youths who will not be getting summer jobs, or children who will not get immunized as a result of the defeat of the president's economic stimulus bill hasn't been calculated yet, but it will be heavy indeed.

In fact, while people are breathing a sigh of relief that "riots" didn't break out after the recently concluded Rodney King federal trial, it should be noted that you now have a more volatile situation than ever before, with the prospect of thousands of youths out of work this summer.

The fire that destroyed the clock members in Waco will pale in comparison to the potential fires that could possibly be lit when un-

political office?

One does not have to hold elected office to make a difference so where are many of these people during the school year when a lot of the alleged damage is done?

If the system was really working there would be no need for a threatened state takeover and even some of the winners admitted during the campaign that the potential of a takeover is for real although he did not want that, if anything, he would do to dissuade such drastic action.

I don't know about you, but I disturbed me to hear some of the elected officials describe the winning candidates as "my man" and "my woman."

This seemed to imply these people would assume office with a political debt over their head.

We already know Dennis LaScala is employed by the Essex County Sheriff's Office. (The Sheriff works, but does not live in Newark.) Augusto Amador is an ironbound businessman. He should have been asked if his children attend public or parochial schools during the campaign. Walker coordinates athletics for the Newark school board and is expected to resign from that job and consider accepting a more lucrative position in county government. Let's not forget she was endorsed by three Freeholders, Councilman George Branch and James Wallace, chairman Central Ward Democratic Party. Walker heads Branch's Civic Association is Wallace's Central Ward Democratic Party vice chair.

Improving Newark's school system was just one of several agendas in the hopper.

In a crazy quilt of political ambitions the board of education campaign and election was a harbinger of things to come next year when Newarkers vote for mayor and city councilmen.

It's no secret there are several potential challengers ready and willing to face Mayor Sharpe James in 1994 when he runs for a third term.

Narcotics can't be tossed around include Newark Councilman Hank Martinez, Charlie Bell and, as a long shot, a candidate from either the Puerto Rican or Portuguese communities.

There was jubilation in some quarters when P.A.C.E. team members Maymay Bey, Maritza Torres-Fajal and Keith Reid held the election. Of the 17 who ran, those three were the only candidates to garner more than 25,000 votes, with Bey trailing LaScala by a mere 54,000 votes.

Since it had been rumored Mayor James seemed

to be leaning toward P.A.C.E., some pundits interpreted the defeat as a slap in the mayoral face. But James has been consistent in demanding a change in how board members come to be and is known to favor an appointed board.

At least some members of the Newark city council agree a change is in order because the day after the board election Councilman-at-large Donald Tucker introduced a resolution aimed at giving the council authority to name a board member from each of the five wards with appointive power for the mayor to name four at-large members.

Tucker's resolution carried five-four, with "yes" votes from Gary Harris, Ralph Grant, Ronald Rice, Donald Bradley and Tucker.

Martinez cast a "no" vote while abstentions were noted for Anthony Carrino, Marie Villani and George Branch.

Despite the political upheaval in Newark this week, there was some good news.

The Newark Museum board of directors selected Mary Sue Sweeney Price to succeed Sam Miller as the museum's director.

Miller will retire from the post he's held for 25 years and Price, his long time assistant director will come into her own as a professional in the arts field.

Better still, Price is a Newarker, knows the community and is sensitive to the direction Miller has taken the museum as an institution for education and enrichment for young and old.

Probably the proudest person of all is Mary Sue's husband, Dr. Clement Alexander Price of Rutgers University.

Next week, more on the two Democratic Party slates running in the Essex County primary election.

There are already signs this will be a brutal struggle with a lot of name calling and finger pointing. One group describes the other as "renegade Democrats" because they are running in opposition to the party choices and the "renegades" have dubbed their opponents "flunky Democrats."

Sometimes it makes you wonder why people are so willing and anxious to throw themselves for the dubious distinction of holding election office. But then that's a question that has been debated ever since we became a Republic.

The time

Long, hot, jobless summer for black youth

employed and disengaged youth are hanging around on street corners during the long hot summer months. Children who will needlessly get sick from diseases that are preventable - if properly immunized - and possibly die as a result, will far outnumber those children killed in the tragic Waco incident.

Indirectly, overcrowding in jails will continue to get worse, because some young people who could have possibly gotten a job and started making a positive contribution to society, will probably be out on the streets this summer trying to make money in some illegal way. These young people will probably get busted and put in jail, all because some rich and selfish politicians wanted to stifle Bill Clinton's administration and publicly embarrass him.

David Koresh isn't the only egotistical, self-centered and irresponsible mad man that society needs to worry about. Those senators who don't have to worry about what's going to happen to their children this summer, and who have the money and resources to pay for their health care needs, are just as mean spirited and selfish as Koresh.

It should be clear to all, that because a lot of the funds in Clinton's economic stimulus plan would have been allocated to inner city areas and other people who suffered the most under twelve years of the Reagan/Bush administration, Republicans were determined to defeat the bill.

Republican officials still licking their wounds from the defeat suffered in the recent presidential election, have no intention of helping poor and middle class people to try and recover from the terrible effects of "Reaganomics," which left them poorer and the rich richer. These officials could care less about empowering people, and giving them some hope that their lives can be better.

They talk about ending welfare,

but they don't want to give people the opportunity to help themselves by working and being self sufficient and independent. Doesn't that remind you of the methods, tactics, and strategies that David Koresh supposedly used to control his followers, and ultimately destroy them?

The shock of seeing a burning building before our eyes with innocent children burning to death disgusts all of us. But, failure to be alarmed or moved to action before the fire starts, and the destruction begins seems to allude us over and over again.

When "riots" start, everybody seems shocked or bewildered as to why they are happening. Will it take a major riot or disturbance to occur to really show those senators, and other obstructionists that we do need more jobs now? Do the buildings have to burn down before the public demands

an end to the political games which continue to produce gridlock?

Those Republican lawmakers who blocked the economic stimulus plan need to hear from you. Your senators and congressional representatives who supported the bill need to hear from you, in order to let them know that you want them to continue to fight for a jobs bill.

If you are upset about the Republican's plan to act as obstructionists and to block efforts to reverse the adverse effects of "trickle down economics" then you need to act now!

This hostage siege can have a peaceful or a tragic ending; you have the power to determine the outcome. Don't wait though, because just like we witnessed in Waco, Texas, the winds can shift, and spread the fires even quicker than some might have anticipated or planned.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 30

PLAINFIELD—Deadline for entering the Arco Jessa Owens Games for all boys and girls born in the years 1979 thru 1986. The Games will start May 8th, at 9 a.m. For applications and more information call John M. Pope, Super-Intendent of Recreation 908-753-3066.

TRENTON—New Jersey State Museum Recycles Litter-Away Day, in honor of Earth Day, the Environmental Education Week and Keep America Beautiful Month will feature two auditorium performances of "If The Trash Stinks Wear It" from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Other environmental awareness functions will take place as well. For more information call 1-609-292-6654.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

PLAINFIELD—The 32nd Annual Plainfield Fishing Derby will be held from 8 a.m. to noon at Cedarbrook Park Pond, (rain or shine). The contest will be open to boys and girls ages 5 to 15 years old. Grand prize for the largest fish caught is a bicycle.

Darryl Gaskins emerges as spelling bee grand champion

PLAINFIELD—At 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 20, 125 students from Plainfield's public schools began competing in the 7th Annual District-wide Spelling Bee. When the dust settled at 3 p.m., Darryl Gaskins, a 6th grader at the Cook School, was left standing as the grand champion speller.

At the start of the contest, three former district-wide winners told the spellers not to rush, stay relaxed and think positively. Darryl took the advice to heart and emerged as the grand champion.

Khalief Chiles, a 6th grader at the Cook School, and Keith Pelletier, Jr., a 7th grader at the Maxson School, also took the ad-

vice of the former winners. Khalief stands as first runner up and Keith is second runner up.

As grand champion, Darryl won a 29 volume set of the Encyclopedia Britannica for his school and the opportunity to represent the Plainfield Public School District at the national spelling bee in Washington, D.C.

Students in grades 4 through 8 began preparing for the district-wide spelling bee in February. Spelling bees at the schools throughout the Plainfield school district helped to select and prepare the spellers who took part in the district-wide contest.

The schools held spell-offs in each class. Teachers then selected

three students from their classes to participate in the School Spelling Bee. The winners of the school spelling bees moved on to the big event. Each school sent ten students to participate in the district-wide spelling bee.

"The spelling bee is always an exciting and rewarding event," Dr. Annette Kearney, Superintendent of Schools said. "The number of participants has demonstrated the eagerness that our children and their schools have for academic competition."

The spelling bee was sponsored by the Plainfield Board of Education, "City News," Encyclopedia Britannica, "The Courier News" and the Scraps-Howard Newspapers.



Tressa Brown (L), supervisor of reading and language arts of the Plainfield Public Schools; Darryl Gaskins (C) and Mrs. Linda Gaskins (R), Darryl's mother.

Youth excited about success

Twenty-five Newark high school seniors participated in the Symposium on Career Opportunities in Biomedical and Public Health Sciences in Washington. The students were Haydee Larrea, Catherine Martinez, Geneva Ortiz, Al-Rahim Phillip Robinson and Yumek Scaife of Ars High School; Akhenaton Egerton of Bunting High School; Bertrill Benoit, La Quetta Frazier and Susie Simmons of Central High School; Elissa Nicole Lee and Luis Ruiz of East Side High School; Christina Miller of Malcolm X Shabazz High School; Evelyn Cantillo, Venus Helena Caba, Haslyn Elton Hunt and Stacy Stewart of Science High School; Taberah Amica, Kenneth Ashianor, Jay Francisco, Julie Jewel, Kareemah Lucas, Jekesia Poole, Wenyilia Reid and Nicole Tucker of University High School; and Leonard Salah-Din of West Side High School. Newark residents Joseph Petrecca, Richard Faustino, Albert Fischer and Stephen Tortorello earned academic honors for the third marking period at St. Peter's Prep. William Paterson College student Shakira Williams of Plainfield has been named to the 1993 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." William Jimenez and David Moore of Plainfield have been inducted in the Cardinal Newman National Honor Society at Oratory Catholic Prep School. Karen Drake of Plainfield is among the students who achieved academic honors during the second trimester at Morrisdon-Beard School. Christine Aragona, Nasra Elgawly, Mia Hendricks, William Nyamongo, Lela O'Flynn and Joyce Maccou of Jersey City have been inducted into the Eta Alpha Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society, at Jersey City State College. Jersey City State College students Osthomow Momodu of East Orange and Marituz Columbo of Newark have been named to the National Dean's List for the fall semester. Kevin Conway of East Orange, Christine Dalton of Jersey City, Sandra Tavares of Newark and Yolanda Fuller of Plainfield were named to the Honors List at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Leonard Alkiewicz of Elizabeth, Junette Dunge of Irvington and Cleta Bradwell of Newark were named to the Dean's List at Fairleigh. Gloria Ferrara and Janice Gabblidon of East Orange; Chanel Cook and Stephanie Elder of Plainfield; Manuel Branco, Alexandra Caracitas and Sandra Pimentel of Newark; and Kallipe Diakos, Shaifa Rashid, Valerie del Rosario, Chakshu Patel, Angela Savino and Denise Joan Palmer of Jersey City have been named to the Dean's List at Drew University.



Youth aid homeless

"Youth for United Way," a community service club at Linden High School, recently prepared and served dinner to approximately 50 homeless people staying at the shelter at the YMCA of Plainfield. The club completed various community service projects during the school year, including a clothing drive to aid homeless families.



Newark Y's Bulls take Cager title

Practice sessions at the Newark YMCA paid off for this winning team of basketball stars. The YMCA Bulls, coached by Terrence Carmon, Rick Jackson and William Ackinson triumphed in the Garden State Tournament in seven straight games and went on to win in the finals played at Wheaton College in Massachusetts. The Bulls competed in the age 15 and under category. The basketball teams are just part of year round programs for children and adults at the YMCA, located at 600 Broad Street. Call 201-595-6801 for more information on upcoming special events, classes and summer camp sessions.

Theatrical group devises fundraising strategy

Tackling 5,000 years of history in less than two hours is almost impossible, but "Uprising" is a performing company of 6-17 year olds that can do almost anything.

The 32 young performers from Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia and New Jersey captivate audiences with their use of drama, music and dance to explore African and African-American history.

On Capitol Hill recently, Congressman Major R. Owens (D-NY) hosted a press conference to help the group

kick-off a national campaign to raise \$250,000 for a trip to Africa. In praising the group, Congressman Owens said, "You demonstrate how cultural activities can both be used for motivation and for teaching."

Senegal Ambassador Iba Déguebe also thanked the youth for the development and enhancement of cultural relations between the youth on the continent."

In June and July, "Uprising," at the invitation of Senegal, The Gambia, Eritrea and Ethiopia, will perform in Africa. Armed with African-American

history, the group will also take the names of 250,000 people from the United States to Africa, and dedicate them in a special ceremony organized by the Senegal Embassy on Goree Island from where millions of Africans were stashed into the chained and dejected.

Names carried to Africa will be mounted on plaques which will remain on Goree Island. Send a name and \$1.00 to the Spirit of Truth Foundation, Inc., 6903 Perrywood Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 or for more information, call 301-949-4979.

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Return to the Source

OnStage season winds down

NEWARK—As part of the Carter G. Woodson Foundation's annual OnStage in New Jersey performing arts series, The Newark Boys Chorus and Return to the Source will appear in a free musical program at Irvington High School on Sunday, May 2.

The afternoon's program will include gospel, pop, classical and traditional African folk music, sung by these two distinctly different professional groups.

The Newark Boys Chorus, organized in the wake of the 1967 riots to raise Newark's image, has since become the symbol of the city's renaissance. The 44 sixth through eighth graders, under the direction of Gwen Montan Pinto, tour all over the world giving about 50 concerts a year.

Return to the Source (RTS) is a musical ensemble founded in 1985 by Marcia Brown and Junius Williams. RTS affirms the creative and artistic expression of African-American people, and as such chronicles and celebrates the history of African American music from Spirituals to Freedom Songs; from Blues to Jazz, Gospel and today's popular music, including Rap.

The two groups will appear at 4 p.m. at Irvington High School, 1253 Clinton Avenue. Admission is free.

free event is on a first-come first-serve basis. Reservations for groups

of 10 or more may be made by calling 201-242-8110.



Newark Boys' Chorus

Local center offers hope to thousands worldwide

EAST ORANGE—As the nation observes National Marrow Donor Awareness Week, the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) and the North Jersey Blood Center—an NMDP donor center—are celebrating the rapid growth of the NMDP Registry. This Registry includes volunteers willing to be bone marrow donors if matched with a patient diagnosed with a fatal blood disease, such as leukemia.

Each year, 16,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with fa-

tal blood diseases, such as leukemia, for which a marrow transplant can be a cure. Marrow is a liquid organ found inside larger bones in the body. The chances of identifying a match between unrelated people range from one in 100 to one in a million, depending on the person's tissue type.

For more information on the NMDP and becoming a volunteer donor, call the NMDP at 800-MARROW-2, or call Laura Sodano at the North Jersey Blood Center, 201-676-4700, Ext. 137.

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High Blood Pressure: A controllable enemy

by Donald E. Wesson, M.D.

Most African Americans know someone with high blood pressure, or hypertension, its medical name.

Most do not know that this common disease is a major cause of death and debilitation in the African-American community. Blacks are twice as likely to have the disease compared to other Americans, and are more likely to suffer the medical complications associated with high blood pressure. Many people with high blood pressure who have not suffered these

Beyond the individual tragedy inflicted by this disease, the African-American community as a whole suffers the lost contributions that these individuals would have otherwise made. This makes high blood pressure an enemy to be faced by the entire community. The encouraging news is that this menace can be controlled and its devastating effects reduced.

High blood pressure usually causes no symptoms until damage to the body is severe. Many hypertensives "feel okay" and therefore do not take proper steps to control the disease—leading to slow, irreversible damage to body tissues. High blood pressure, even when mild, causes strokes and heart attacks, and is associated with kidney failure. Proper control of high blood pressure reduces the incidence of all three. It is important for all persons, particularly African Americans, to have their blood pressure checked and to take action, if necessary.

Everyone with hypertension should be under a physician's care. Once the physician recommends a strategy for blood pressure control, patients should ask questions in order to understand the plan of action and be aware of potential problems. Patients should stay under a doctor's care who will follow their progress and determine whether adjustments in the plan are needed. Remember,

except in rare cases, high blood pressure is a life-long disease that cannot be cured, but can be controlled to reduce the chance for its potential complications.

Exciting new information gathered in recent years demonstrates that blood pressure can be lowered in individuals with hypertension by lifestyle changes. These modifications can control high blood pressure in some individuals without medications, and reduce the necessary dosage or number of medications in others. They include reducing salt in

the diet, stopping tobacco and alcohol use, weight loss in obese individuals, and increased exercise. These non-drug strategies are exciting because they hold the potential to lower the incidence of hypertension when employed community-wide. Such a strategy could be carried out at the "grass roots" level and aimed at not just the individual hypertensive but at an entire community. Such community "empowerment" would not only reduce hypertension, but would improve the health of the African-American community as a whole.

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CITY LIFE

Caribbean Music Awards hits cable

NEW YORK—The star-studded Third Annual Caribbean Music Awards, featuring the hottest performances in reggae calypso, compas and salsa, with special appearances by Harry Belafonte, Heavy D, Nadine Sutherland, Shabba Ranks, Buju Banton, Supercat and SuperBlue, will premier on Pay-Per-View on April 30 and May 1 at 9 p.m. and May 2 at 7 p.m.

Hosted by international comedy

star Oliver Samuels, "Designing Women's" Sheryl Lee Ralph and Calypso Queen Denyse Plummer, the show presents 15 sensational musical acts, from Heavy D and Burning Spear to India and David Rudder.

The two-hour special can be seen in its entirety only on Pay-Per-View, which is thirty minutes longer than the version that will be seen later in the year on regular cable or satellite. Highlighting the evening will

be tributes to the legendary Jimmy Cliff with former Black Uhuru lead singer Mykal Rose, J.C. Lodge and Carlene Davis. The show includes a tribute to the great Calypso King with a special performance by Sugar Aloes, Lord Nelson and Denyse Plummer.

Special guests include the host star from "The Young and the Restless," Victoria Rawl; Monty Sharp from "Guiding Light"; and jazz stars

Najee, Jon Lucien, Jose Alberto and Willie Colon.

The Third Annual Caribbean

Music Awards was taped before a live audience at the World Famous Apollo Theatre. For additional in-

formation or to order the event, call your local cable company's customer service department.

Explore 'Dancing' with Thirteen



In Program Five: "New Worlds, New Forms" a group of women in Cachoeira, Brazil dance in slow circles around the floor in a ceremony of worship called the Candomblé.

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NEW YORK—Everyone dances. From kids hip-hopping in New York and Tokyo to a bride and groom waltzing before their assembled families, from a ballerina expressing the innocence of youth to a member of the royal court in Ghana honoring an Asante king, dance reveals history, illuminates values, and proclaims the hopes and dreams of people all societies.

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Stand-up for AIDS

'The Original Improvisation' and UMDNJ join forces to improve AIDS quality of life

NEWARK—Fifteen patients from the AIDS support group at UMDNJ-University Hospital will collaborate with professional comedians from Manhattan comedy club, "The Original Improvisation," to present an evening of stand-up comedy on Sunday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The evening performance will be the culmination of an all-day comedy workshop where patients will be taught how to put together a comedy routine and deliver it in front of a live audience.

The event is being organized by Anne Benzen, B.A., a master's level social work intern at the hospital. She was inspired by viewing a videotape of "The Last Laugh," which depicted a similar event in 1988 involving terminally-ill patients and professional comedians. She contacted Silver Friedman, owner of "The Original Improvisation," on the spur of the moment, and Friedman responded immediately and enthusiastically.

According to Ms. Benzen, the evening of comedy is an outgrowth of the activities of the hospital's AIDS support group, which is attempting to enlarge its therapeutic focus to include quality of life issues as well as medical issues.

A large body of research indicates that humor has a therapeutic function in treating disease," she said, citing articles in the American Journal of Psychotherapy and the International Journal of Psychiatry. "Laughter helps the patient cope with anger and anxiety, has a positive effect on immune function, and can help prevent recurrences of illness triggered by stress."

Speaking as a patient and participant, Vincent Torres said, "I think standing up in front of an audience and identifying yourself as a PWA (person with AIDS) is going to be difficult. But I'm really looking for-

ward to the evening. In my view, my sense of humor has kept me alive for the last three years. Since I'm not on AZT, a dose of laughter has been my only medication."

The show will be held in the UMDNJ-Community Mental Health

Center gymnasium. A donation of \$8 per person will be charged with proceeds going to the hospital's AIDS Patient Fund. Tickets can be purchased in advance or on the evening of the performance. For more information, call 201-982-5643.

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McMillan to appear 'OnStage'



Award winning novelist Terry McMillan, author of the new best-selling novel "Waiting to Exhale," will appear, along with blues singer Carrie Smith, at East Orange High School at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 15. McMillan is also the author of "Mama" and "Disappearing Acts," currently the number one best-selling novel by a black writer in America. Tickets for the event are \$15 and may be purchased by phone, 201-242-8110, or in person at any Ticketmaster location or the Newark Symphony Hall Box Office.

CITY BUSINESS

Business Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

SOUTH ORANGE—The first annual Seaton Hall Job Fair, "Taking Steps To-day Towards a More Prosperous Tomorrow," will be held at Seaton Hall University, Main Lounge Bishop Dougherty Student Center from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. To register or for more information call 201-761-9355.

MAY 1 THRU MAY 8

WEST ORANGE—The Institute of Management Accounts is sponsoring The North Jersey Business Show at the Birchwood Manor from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free passes are available by sending a self-addressed envelope to MicroPLUS Accounting Systems Inc., 627 Eagle Rock Plaza, Suite 125, West Orange, NJ 07082.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

ROSELLE PARK—Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) will offer a workshop "How Well Do We Respect Our Children?" at the Community United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

TRENTON—As part of its "Business Over Breakfast Series," Mercer County Community College will hold a workshop entitled "Employee Subsidies and Tax Incentive Programs." For registration information call 609-586-9446.

Climbing the ladder

Jane Coult of Mercerville has been appointed director of Administrative Services at Thomas Edison State College. Thomas C. Gregor, president and CEO of United National Bank, was appointed chairman of the Bank's holding company, United National Bancorp. He will also retain his position as president and CEO. Raymond C. Knevel has been appointed vice-president and head of the Commercial Loan Department of United National Bank. James Strupp was elected as member of the Board of trustees of Upland College. Edward Owen, Jr., has been named Chief Executive Officer of Fair Oaks Hospital. Arthur J. Brown has been appointed Executive Director of Accountants for the Public Interest-New Jersey.

Magic Johnson Foundation buoys minority bank with \$1 million deposit

LOS ANGELES — Vincent M. Bryson, president and CEO of The Magic Johnson Foundation, Inc. (MJF), has announced that the foundation has made an initial deposit of \$1 million in California's only African-American-owned commercial bank, the Founders National Bank of Los Angeles.

"Magic Johnson Foundation is committed to being actively involved in all aspects of its community. We want to contribute to economic empowerment as well as the educational empowerment of our commu-

nity," Bryson stated.

The mission of the foundation is to raise money as a public charity to fund HIV and AIDS organization specializing in education, prevention and care geared towards young people.

Founders National Bank of Los Angeles (FNBLA) began doing business as national bank on January 22, 1991. It acquired certain assets and assumed the deposits of what had been Founders Federal Savings and Loan Association through the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC). There

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"Our mission is to make a difference in the communities we serve by providing, on a personalized basis, quality financial services that are needed by the consumer, small and

medium businesses and professionals located in our market areas," said Carlton Jenkins, managing director of the bank.

"Believe me, a deposit such as this by the Magic Johnson Foundation is very much welcomed. It will enable us to continue to take an active role in the rebuilding of our communities and expand Founders' prod-

ucts and services," Jenkins added. Members of the Board of Directors of The Magic Johnson Foundation, which was founded in December 1991 by Earvin Johnson, Jr. as a national public charity, include Debbie Allen-Nixon, Arsenio Hall, Michael Jordan, Leon Rosen, Joe Smith, Alonzo Walleto and Denzel Washington.



Carlton Jenkins (l), managing director of Founders National Bank, and Vincent M. Bryson (r), president and CEO of the Magic Johnson Foundation, Inc., hold a check in the amount of \$1 million symbolizing the deposit recently made by MJF in the minority banking institution.

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All seal bids must be in accordance with specifications which may be obtained from the Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch, N.J., after April 29, 1993 between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. If a Bidder wants to visit the site and examine the project, please contact Mr. Louis Carrella, Jr., at (908) 225-3777 between the 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. All sealed bids must be received by May 11, 1993. At this time, Bids will be opened and publicly recorded. If sealed bids must be bearing the name and address of the firms and name of the Project on the outside of the envelope addressed to the Housing Authority of the City of Long Branch, New Jersey and clearly marked SECURITY SERVICE.

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DAVID ALLEN BROWN
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

4/28/93

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4/28/93 MICHELLE L. HOWARD-HUGGINS
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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that representatives of the Authority of Plainfield will meet in the Housing offices at 510 East Front Street in Plainfield, New Jersey on Friday, May 21, 1993 at 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, and then there will be open sealed bid proposals received up to 2:00 p.m. on:

Lead Removal Project at Elmwood Gardens Apartments

Including all work incidental thereto, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Princeton Testing Laboratory, Inc., U.S. 1, Princeton Service Center, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, (609) 452-5000.

It is prerequisite to bidding that each bidder attend a pre-bid meeting at the Main Office of the Elmwood Gardens Apartments, 532 W. 2nd Street, Plainfield, New Jersey at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time, on Thursday, May 6, 1993 for the purpose of inspecting the premises. Project specifications may be obtained for a non-refundable fee from Princeton Testing Laboratory, Inc.

Each contractor before submitting a bid, must first have been prequalified, in accordance with NJ State Statutes, Chapter #100 Public Laws, 1962, by the Division of Building and Construction, Department of the Treasury, and a notarized affidavit to this effect must accompany his bid.

All bids shall be submitted on the "Form of Bid" forms furnished by Princeton Testing Laboratory, Inc. Bids may be delivered in person at the hour and date named above, or before. Bids will be accepted after the appointed hour. Bids shall be directed to the attention of the Executive Director, Richard Fox, of the Housing Authority of Plainfield. The Housing Authority of Plainfield accepts no responsibility for bids sent by mail.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of the total bid, made payable to the Housing Authority of Plainfield, from a Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of New Jersey, and each bid shall be accompanied also by a further Certificate from such Surety Company certifying that in the event the Bidder is awarded the Contract and shall omit or refuse, within ten days from the date that the Bidder may be required that the Contract and Bond are ready for execution, to execute and deliver a Contract entered upon the terms and conditions mentioned in the Specifications, and such additional terms which may be required by the Owner, the Surety Company will pay to the Owner on demand, without proof of such omission or refusal, any difference between the sum which the said Bidder would be entitled to receive on completion of the Contract in accordance with his bid, and the sum which the Owner may be obliged to pay the Bidder by Whom such Contract is executed.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond to the Owner in the full amount of the Contract in such form as the Owner may prescribe and to the satisfaction of the City of Plainfield. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond to the Owner in the full amount of the Contract in such form as the Owner may prescribe and to the satisfaction of the City of Plainfield.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of the following New Jersey Statutes and federal law:

P.L. 1975, Chapter 127-Affirmative Action P.L. 1977, Chapter 31.

Statement of Corporate Ownership

David Bacon Wage Rate

Previous Participation Certificate

Contracts will further obligate the Contractors and Sub-Contractors to only use domestic materials for this project, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A-18A-20 and to sign an affidavit of Non-Collusion.

Each bidder who is a foreign Corporation or one that is a Corporation not chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey, must submit with his bid an affidavit duly executed by its President of the Corporation, stating in said affidavit that said Corporation has, in accordance with laws of the State of New Jersey.

All items must be in strict accordance with the Specifications and will be subject to the approval of the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Plainfield. Should any dispute arise between the true instructions and meaning of these Specifications, same shall be decided by the contract officer who is the Executive Director and his decision shall be final and conclusive. Bidder must be known to be engaged in the business and well qualified to carry out his contract, and satisfactory testimonials to that effect must be furnished if required.

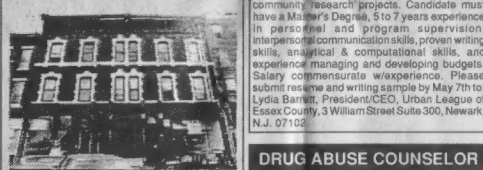
The Owner expressly reserves the unrestricted right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, accept and enter into contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the project, or combined projects or to waive any informalities in the bids and accompanying documents received, should it be deemed in the best interests of the Owner.

In the event the Housing Authority of Plainfield is closed, bids will be accepted at the bid time and place on the next day that offices are open.

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Investment property located in Plainfield's Urban Enterprise Zone and Historic North Avenue District. Three commercial stores and 4 large apartments. Two 3-bedroom apt. and two 2-bedroom apt., one bath. Separate utilities. Call 908-754-3400.



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DRUG ABUSE COUNSELOR

A local Housing Authority is seeking an experienced full-time Drug Abuse Counselor, who has considerable knowledge and experience with individual counseling techniques, to set-up an Authority wide drug abuse counseling program. College degree required. Salary mid to high \$20's. Comprehensive benefit package. Women and minorities encouraged to apply. Send resumes by April 30, 1993 to:

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LEGAL NOTICE

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ASBURY PARK NOTICE FOR CONSULTANT

The Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park is amending their bid invitation to extend to May 17, 1993. We are inviting submittals from persons interested in performing professional consulting services as a Comprehensive Grant Program Administrator, Administrative Modernization and Operation. This in one position and the scope of services includes:

Comprehensive Grant Program Administrator

1. Directs preparation of Comprehensive Grant program application.
2. Administers all phases of Comprehensive Grant Program budget and prepares necessary budget revisions.
3. Prepares all reports and the correspondence relating to the Comprehensive Grant Program for the contract officer.
4. Will be responsible for administering and preparing Public Housing Management Assessment Program (PHMAP).

Will also administer existing Modernization projects

1. Directs preparation of existing CIAP application.
2. Administers all phases of the existing CIAP budget and prepares necessary budget revisions.
3. Lead in the selection of professional A & E firms and make recommendation to the contract officer.
4. Supervises the entire construction contract procedure.
5. Prepares all reports and the correspondence relating to the existing CIAP program for the contract officer.

And will also administer Operations

1. Directs preparation of major maintenance contracts and purchases.
2. Supervises administration of major maintenance contracts and purchases.
3. Monitors budgetary and time constraints involved in the implementation of major maintenance programs.
4. Coordinates with the maintenance supervisory staff.

The consultant will serve directly under the supervision of the Contract Officer and/or Executive Director.

All proposals will be ranked using the following quality/merit factors with the corresponding weights:

Factor	Weight
1. Technical and professional experience	40%
2. Capability to perform services in a timely manner	25%
3. Past performance with CIAP and major maintenance program activity	15%
4. Thorough knowledge of HUD regulations relative to CIAP and Maintenance and Procurement	10%
5. General response to the invitation	5%
6. Price	5%

Interested firms or individuals should respond by 10 a.m., May 17, 1993 to Kenneth E. Nixon, Jr., Executive Director, Asbury Park Housing Authority, 1000 1/2 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey 07712.

4/28/93 KENNETH E. NIXON, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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24 - Hour Classified FAX Line 908-753-1036

Sportlight

by R.L. Green

Did you check out the nation's top basketball player and the fantastic performance in the NCAA championship game? No, not anyone from North Carolina or Michigan.

In fact, it wasn't even on a Monday night. It was the day before, a Sunday, when Sheryl Swoopes put on a clinic as she carried Texas Tech to the title as the Red Raiders edged Ohio State.

It wasn't that Swoopes was good. She was brilliant. So brilliant, in fact, one observer said Michael Jordan was the Sheryl Swoopes of men's basketball. They weren't far off base.

A 6-foot native of Brownfield, Texas, Swoopes finished her collegiate career with an awesome 47 points, smashing not only the women's record, but also the men's title game mark of 44 scored by UCLA's Bill Walton against Memphis State in 1973. But that was just for starters.

The smooth-playing Swoopes broke the record for a half (18) by scoring 23 in the opening half. She then topped that with 24 points in the second half.

She also set records for points (177), field goals (57) and free throws (56) for the entire NCAA tournament, plus records for points (78) and field goals (27) in a Final Four. She tied the mark of 19 free throws in a Final Four.

"Sometimes I just put it in my mind that there's not way I can miss, but obviously I did," Swoopes said after her eye-popping, mouth-dropping performance. She didn't miss often.

With Ohio State throwing everybody in her way, she hit 16 of 24 from the field, including 4 of 6 from beyond the 3-point line, the same line used by the men, and sank all 11 of her free throws. She also grabbed five rebounds, handed out three assists, made two steals and blocked a shot.

How bad was she? Her 47 points in the final were more than Vanderbilt, ranked No. 1 in the nation, scored in its 60-64 loss to Texas in the semifinals.

Swoopes originally signed with Texas, a traditional power in women's basketball. But after visiting the campus, she felt it was too far from home and instead spent two years at South Plains College, 30 miles from Brownfield. Then it was on to Texas Tech in Lubbock, 38 miles from Brownfield.

This season, she averaged 27.4 points and 9.3 rebounds a game. Then came post-season play and Swoopes, who missed the Barcelona Olympics because of a knee injury, went into overdrive.

She scored a career-high 53 points against Texas in the Southwest Conference tournament final, then had NCAA tournament games of 30, 33 and 36 before the 47.

"I thought I had about 35," Swoopes said of her title-game point-production. It was her biggest miss of the tournament.

Before the tournament, she was being compared to two other great women players: Nancy Lieberman and Cheryl Miller.

"Miller was awesome," Swoopes said. "Nancy was great, too. For people to compare me to those two is a tremendous honor."

Vanderbilt coach Jim Foster raised the ante, saying Swoopes is a

clone of Michael Jordan.

"I heard once that a couple of people compared me to Cheryl Miller," Swoopes said. "I thought she was an awesome player. Then when they start comparing me to Michael Jordan, the fact that he's a male and they compare a female to a male, that's just really special."

There's the comparison with Larry Bird, who didn't like the big school in his state, Indiana University, and instead led Indiana State to the NCAA title game, losing to Magic Johnson's Michigan State. Unlike Bird, Swoopes took her team to the national championship.

It's Swoopes — as in hoops.

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Join New York Yankee pitcher Jim Abbott, honorary Summer Heat Softball chairperson, in making this an all-star event. You don't need a team of Gold Glove play-

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Your team registration fee of \$300 includes Summer Heat Softball Classic t-shirts for all players. Additionally, ask your company, co-workers and friends to sponsor you and

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Employees seek help

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concerning the actual employment facts under the pretense that racial problems and disparities do not exist. As a result, little changes," the letter continues.

While waiting for the results of Assemblyman Brown's actions, the two groups plan to form both a coalition of black and minority agency employees and a state and agency branch of the NAACP. Also, they are making preparations "to bring these matters to the floor of the NAACP National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 11-16.

In closing, the coalition states, "With the Clinton Administration's priority to improve the civil rights atmosphere nationally, we are hard pressed to find our State not doing the same. In the absence of positive change, we intend to make known to Blacks and other minorities in New Jersey, the situation we bear witness to."

Similar letters have been mailed to Senators Wynona Lipman and Ronald L. Rice. In addition, the entire Legislative Black Caucus will soon receive correspondence from our coalition.

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